

Richard J. Kerr
Deputy Director for Intelligence

On April 21, 1986 Mr. Kerr was appointed Deputy Director for Intelligence. As the DDI, he is the Director's principal adviser on the production of finished intelligence.

The DDI and his staff serve as the senior intelligence representatives in the NSC policymaking structure, ensuring that the Intelligence Community's product is relevant to U.S. policy at the highest level. Additionally, he represents the DCI in matters of substantive intelligence with the rest of the Executive Branch at the Cabinet level, with Congress, with the academic and business worlds, and with the public.

Prior to his appointment as DDI, Mr. Kerr was the Deputy Director for Administration and responsible for administratively supporting those Intelligence Community components under the jurisdiction of the DCI.

In July 1982 Mr. Kerr was selected to serve as the Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence. As such, he assisted in directing the Central Intelligence Agency's component responsible for all analysis and production of finished intelligence. From 1976 to 1982, Mr. Kerr served as director or deputy director of offices responsible for regional and political analysis worldwide, for intelligence analysis of East Asia, and production of current intelligence.

Mr. Kerr entered on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency as a military analyst in 1960 in the office responsible for preparing biographic and reference material. During the 1960s he served as a military-political analyst focusing on the USSR. His various assignments have dealt with imagery collection, and he also served as the executive officer for the Intelligence Community Staff. Mr. Kerr was selected to be the Directorate of Intelligence's representative in Honolulu where he was responsible for all liaison activities related to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Kerr received his BA in History and did graduate work at the University of Oregon. He is married to the former Janice Sinclair and they have four children.